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SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 169850

1. CHARGE DELIVERED NOTE AND MADE ORAL PRESENTATION AS INSTRUCTED
REFTEL TO STATE SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN TRADE KEMPINAIRE (AND
ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER IN ABSENCE VAN ELSLANDE) ON AUGUST 29.
KEMPINAIRE WAS JOINED BY STUYCK, CHIEF OF MULTILATERAL TRADE
SECTION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. KEMPINAIRE AGREED AS TO THE DESIRABILITY OF TERMINATION
ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS BEFORE MTN REALLY GETS UNDER WAY.
BELGIANS POINTED OUT THEY HAD BEEN WILLING AGREE TO LIST OF
THIRTY ITEMS BUT FRANCE HAD INSISTED ON ITEM BY ITEM CONSIDERATION.
NOT SURPRISINGLY ONE OR MORE MEMBER STATES HAD PROBLEMS WITH
EACH OF TWENTY-THREE ITEMS, LEAVING ONLY SEVEN UNCONTESTED.
STUYCK TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS (PARA 5
REFTEL) IN EC COMPENSATIONS LIST AND SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH
MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS TO DETERMINE
WHETHER THERE ARE SERIOUS BELGIAN PROBLEMS WITH ITEMS

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MENTIONED. HE EXPRESSED AWARENESS OF PROBLEMS WITH EC MATHEMATICAL

APPROACH TO COMPENSATIONS, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT CANNOT TAKE
ACCOUNT OF POLITICALLY SENSITIVE PRODUCTS, SUCH AS, FOR
EXAMPLE, CITRUS FRUIT.
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